

**WHAT IS CLAIMED:**

1           1. A telematics radio for providing driving  
2           directions to an operator of a vehicle, the telematics  
3           radio comprising:

4                 a receiver operable for receiving a position  
5           signal indicative of the current location of the vehicle;  
6                 memory operable for storing the location of at  
7           least one pre-selected destination;

8                 a processor operable for determining driving  
9           directions from the current location of the vehicle to  
10          each pre-selected destination based on the position signal  
11          and map information; and

12                an interface operable for receiving a request  
13          from the operator for the driving directions to a desired  
14          pre-selected destination, the interface further operable  
15          for providing the operator with the driving directions to  
16          the desired pre-selected destination.

1           2. The telematics radio of claim 1 wherein:

2                 the interface is further operable to be disabled  
3           from providing driving directions in response to receiving  
4           an interface deactivation signal.

1           3. The telematics radio of claim 1 wherein:

2                 the interface includes at least one button,  
3           wherein the interface is operable with the memory for  
4           associating each of the at least one pre-selected  
5           destination with a respective button.

1           4. The telematics radio of claim 3 wherein:

2                 the interface is operable for receiving a  
3           request from the operator for the driving directions to a  
4           desired pre-selected destination in response to the

5 operator pressing the respective button associated with  
6 the desired pre-selected destination.

1 5. The telematics radio of claim 4 wherein:  
2 the interface is further operable to be disabled  
3 from providing driving directions to a desired pre-  
4 selected destination when the operator presses the  
5 respective button associated with the desired pre-selected  
6 destination in response to receiving the interface  
7 deactivation signal.

1 6. The telematics radio of claim 3 wherein:  
2 the at least one button includes a HOME button,  
3 wherein the interface is operable with the memory for  
4 associating the HOME button with a home address of the  
5 operator.

1 7. The telematics radio of claim 6 wherein:  
2 the interface is further operable to be disabled  
3 from providing driving directions to the home address of  
4 the operator when the operator presses the HOME button in  
5 response to receiving the interface deactivation signal.

1 8. The telematics radio of claim 2 wherein:  
2 the interface is further operable to be disabled  
3 from providing driving directions in response to receiving  
4 an interface deactivation signal from the receiver.

1 9. The telematics radio of claim 8 wherein:  
2 the receiver is operable for wirelessly  
3 receiving the interface deactivation signal from a service  
4 provider.

1                   10.    The telematics radio of claim 8 wherein:  
2                   the receiver is operable for wirelessly  
3 receiving the interface deactivation signal directly from  
4 an owner of the vehicle.

1                   11.    The telematics radio of claim 2 wherein:  
2                   the interface is operable for receiving the  
3 interface deactivation signal in response to a vehicle  
4 anti-theft mechanism being triggered.

1                   12.    The telematics radio of claim 2 wherein:  
2                   the interface is operable for receiving the  
3 interface deactivation signal in response to an anti-theft  
4 mechanism of the telematics radio being triggered.

1                   13.    A method for providing driving directions  
2 to an operator of a vehicle, the method comprising:  
3                   storing the location of at least one pre-  
4 selected destination;  
5                   receiving a request from the operator for the  
6 driving directions to a desired pre-selected destination;  
7                   receiving a position signal indicative of the  
8 current location of the vehicle;  
9                   determining driving directions from the current  
10 location of the vehicle to the desired pre-selected  
11 destination based on the position signal and map  
12 information; and  
13                   providing the operator with the driving  
14 directions to the desired pre-selected destination.

1                   14. The method of claim 13 further comprising:  
2                   disabling the step of providing the operator  
3 with the driving directions in response to a deactivation  
4 signal being received.

1                   15. The method of claim 13 wherein:  
2                   storing the location of at least one pre-  
3 selected destination includes associating a respective  
4 button with each of the at least one pre-selected  
5 destination.

1                   16. The method of claim 15 wherein:  
2                   receiving a request includes pressing the  
3 respective button associated with the desired pre-selected  
4 destination.

1                   17. The method of claim 15 wherein:  
2                   storing the location of at least one pre-  
3 selected destination includes associating a HOME button  
4 with a home address of the operator.

1                   18. The method of claim 14 wherein:  
2                   disabling includes disabling the step of  
3 providing the operator with the driving directions in  
4 response to a deactivation signal being wirelessly  
5 received from a service provider.

1                   19. The method of claim 14 wherein:  
2                   disabling includes disabling the step of  
3 providing the operator with the driving directions in  
4 response to a deactivation signal being wirelessly  
5 received from an owner of the vehicle.

1                   20.    The method of claim 14 wherein:  
2                    disabling includes disabling the step of  
3    providing the operator with the driving directions in  
4    response to a deactivation signal generated in response to  
5    a vehicle anti-theft mechanism being triggered.